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Letter dated 20 March 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith humanitarian and information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 15-20 March 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (15 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation and international organizations

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has sent humanitarian convoys with United Nations cargoes to Madaya and Zabadani in Damascus governorate and to Kafr Haya and Fu'ah in Idlib governorate.

Russian airplanes parachuted 20.4 tons of humanitarian cargoes (food parcels) to the city of Dayr al-Zawr, which were received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (16 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, five ceasefire agreements have been signed with Akkari and Burj al-Maksur in Hama governorate, Ayn- Shiqaq in Ladhiqiyah governorate, Ghasm in Suwayda' governorate and Baath in Qunaytirah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,353.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 135.

The number of populated areas which the Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) remains unchanged at 173.

Over the past 24 hours, government forces have gained control of 1.95 square kilometres. A total area of 3,168.7 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported five violations in the following governorates: three in Damascus, one in Aleppo and one in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported 10 violations in the following governorates: 3 in Damascus, 3 in Dar'a, 2 in Aleppo, 1 in Hama and 1 in Idlib.

The Russian representative office has been unable to confirm the 10 violations during its investigations of the incidents.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (16 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation and international organizations

The Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides carried out a humanitarian operation, during which 0.2 tons of medicines were delivered to Dahiyat al-Assad in Damascus governorate.

Russian airplanes parachuted 20.6 tons of humanitarian cargoes (food parcels) to the city of Dayr al-Zawr, which were received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (17 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, three ceasefire agreements have been signed with Basir and Qunayyah in Dar'a governorate and Bishakuh in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,356.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 135.

The number of populated areas which the Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has increased to 181.

Over the past 24 hours, government forces have gained control of 65.7 square kilometres. A total area of 3,234.4 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported six violations in the following governorates: three in Damascus, one in Aleppo, one in Ladhiqiyah and one in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported 11 violations in the following governorates: 4 in Dar'a, 3 in Damascus, 2 in Hama, 1 in Homs and 1 in Idlib.

The Russian representative office has been unable to confirm the 11 violations during its investigations of the incidents.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (17 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out nine humanitarian operations in the following governorates: seven in Aleppo, one in Hama and one in Dar'a.

Residents of Qadi Askar, Ashrafiyah, Bisharah al-Khuri, Shaykh Sa'd, Hamdaniyah-4, Shaykh Maqsud and Halab al-Qadimah districts in Aleppo city and Ajami district of Aleppo governorate received 2.2 tons of bread, 3,000 portions of hot food and 300 food parcels. A further 650 food parcels were distributed to residents of Salamiyah in Hama governorate and Habib in Dar'a governorate.

Over the past 24 hours, 3,950 residents have received humanitarian assistance.

In total, 6.8 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

A humanitarian convoy of 21 refrigeration trucks and 1 tractor unit were sent from Ratma to Muta'iyah in Dar'a governorate with the assistance of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides.

Russian airplanes parachuted 20.6 tons of humanitarian cargoes (food parcels) to the city of Dayr al-Zawr, which were received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (18 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire regime agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 1,356.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 135.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 185.

Over the past 24 hours, government forces have gained control of 48 square kilometres. A total area of 3,282.4 square kilometres has been liberated.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported three violations in Damascus governorate.

The Turkish representative office has not reported any violations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (19 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, three ceasefire agreements have been signed with Jindiriyah in Ladhiqiyah governorate, Mazra'ah in Suwayda' governorate and Hadar in Qunaytirah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,359.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 135.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 187.

Over the past 24 hours, government forces have gained control of 15.5 square kilometres. A total area of 3,297.9 square kilometres has been liberated.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime remains unchanged at 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported four violations: three in Damascus governorate and one in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported eight violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: three in Hama, two in Dar'a, one in Aleppo, one in Damascus and one in Ladhiqiyah.

The Russian representative office has been unable to confirm all eight violations during its investigations of the incidents.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (19 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

The Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides carried out seven humanitarian operations: six in Aleppo governorate and one in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Aleppo city, 1.2 tons of bread and 3,000 portions of hot food have been delivered over the past 24 hours to Aleppo University Hostel (Shahba' al-Qadimah district); to the Karm al-Qatirji School (Qadi Askar district), the Muhammed bin Jum'ah School (Firdaws district) and the Thawrah School (Sukkari district); and also to Shaykh Maqsud and Bustan al-Qasr districts.

Three hundred food parcels were distributed to residents in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Over the past 24 hours, humanitarian assistance has been provided to 3,300 residents. In total, 2.7 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Over the past 24 hours, the United Nations and partners have continued to provide food, medical, psychological and legal assistance to the Syrian Arab Republic. Work is also still under way to restore infrastructure and provide temporary accommodation to those in need.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (20 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, three ceasefire agreements have been signed with Dayrun and Ayn Tabarjah in Ladhiqiyah governorate, and with Atil in Suwayda' governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,362.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 135.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 189.

Over the past 24 hours, government forces have gained control of 37.1 square kilometres. A total area of 3,335 square kilometres has been liberated.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported three violations in Damascus governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported 11 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 3 in Hama, 2 in Aleppo, 2 in Damascus, 2 in Dar'a and 2 in Idlib.

The Russian representative office has been unable to confirm all 11 violations during its investigations of the incidents.